served kinds. Margosa and jali trees may be used as in the Maidan parts, but such trees are not grown in the Malnad tracts. Want of hard wood among the unreserved kinds tells so much upon the Malnad raiyats that they even smuggle wood of the reserved kinds at any risk. It is therefore requested that the three kinds of trees above stated may, in future, be classed as unreserved for the benefit of the Malnad raiyats.

Dewan's reply.—On previous representations of this kind, the list of reserved trees and the classification of the unreserved kinds for seigniorage purposes were fully revised and the present lists adopted. It does not seem possible to improve upon them except perhaps with further experience.

Subject No. 83.
Delay in the disposal of Darkhasts under new Revenue Rules.

Summary of discussion.—There is delay in disposal of Darkhasts arising from the necessity of allowing a month's notice for sale and another month for confirmation of sale. Darkhasts should be accepted and cultivation permits granted in one or two weeks from date of darkhast.

Note.—Similar representations were made from all the other Districts also, Representatives from Kolar adding that the delay was all the more prejudicial in those numerous cases in which land was applied for just in time for cultivation when the season proved favorable.

Dewan's reply.—A month perhaps is too long. A week should suffice and may be fixed if the Schedules A and B have been published in the Village Chavadi.

Subject No. 84.
Excessive reservation of State Forests in the Channagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Channagiri Taluk is Maidan and not Malnad. The present reservation of jungles as State Forest causes much inconvenience and hardship. The former practice of classing them as District Jungles and the raiyats' privileges therein should be restored.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will do what is necessary after local inquiry and inspection.

Note.—At the conclusion of the representations of the Shimoga District, Representative Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Coffee Planter in the Kadur District, submitted for transmission to His Highness the Maharaja an address from the assembled Representatives thanking His Highness for the concession to qualified land-holders, merchants and public Associations, of the privilege of selecting Members for the Representative Assembly. The address expressed how grateful the people were to His Highness the Maharaja for the privilege and prayed for his long life and prosperity. Mr. Srinivas Rao then expressed gratitude to the Dewan and to the Councillors of His Highness and added that there were some people who were of opinion that there was little use in the Representative Assembly. But the Members assembled thought differently and

held this view to be wrong. Great benefits to the people had accrued, such as could not be described on the spot with the little time available for the purpose. But one proof might be adduced, *viz.*, the eagerness with which Patels and other large land-holders sought selection as Members of the Assembly and their solicitude to educate their sons where these were illiterate. The Dewan received the address and forwarded it immediately to His Highness the Maharaja, and assured the Assembly of His Highness' great interest in the proceedings of the Meeting and of the gratification His Highness would feel in knowing that the privilege so graciously granted had been so highly appreciated.

CHITALDROOG DISTRICT.

Subject No. 85.
Exemption from Mohatarfa tax of Carts of Agriculturists used for trade.

Summary of discussion.—The carts of agriculturists who also trade, are assessed with Mohatarfa tax. This should not be.

Dewan's reply.—The rules exempt carts which are kept only for *bonâ-fide* agricultural purposes. The exemption cannot be extended.

Subject No. 86.
Exemption from duty of night watch in Towns.

Summary of discussion.—Pepole should be exempted from night watch in towns, a contribution being collected for maintaining an establishment for the purpose.

Dewan's reply.—Orders have recently been issued for dispensing with the duty of night watch by the inhabitants in all Municipalities. These include all towns and even some of the larger villages.

Subject No. 87.
Capacity of small tanks in Davangere Taluk should be increased.

Summary of discussion.—Davangere being a Maidan Taluk, the capacity of small tanks should be increased so as to extend wet cultivation so profitable both to the State and to the raiyats.

Dewan's reply.—Everything possible is being done.

Subject No. 88.
Supersession of earthen mounds by stone Boundary marks and minimum areas for sub-division of Survey numbers at Re-Survey.

Summary of discussion.—At the ensuing revision of the Survey Settlement, the existing earthen mounds for boundary marks should be replaced by stones, as in the Madras Presidency, and survey numbers should be sub-divided so that the sub-divisions in each case may not be less than 20 acres of dry land or 5 acres of wet land.